

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 9, 10, 22 and 34 as follows:

1. (Amended) A multi-purpose remote office machine management system,  
comprising:

a microprocessor including memory operatively associated therewith;

receiving means coupled to said microprocessor for receiving at least one signal[s]  
indicative of [a] at least one office machine usage condition to be reported, each said at least one  
usage condition signal being generated by any one of contact closure and pulse level change  
thereof, wherein said receiving means is adapted to solely receive usage condition signals which  
are distinct and isolated from internally generated office machine diagnostic signals and office  
machine data signals;

a calendar clock [means] coupled to said microprocessor for supplying time signals  
indicative of date and time of day thereto;

a signal generat[ing]or [means] coupled to said microprocessor for generating  
signals at a predetermined time for initiating a call to a host computer and for transmitting data  
thereto corresponding to said signals indicative of said office machine usage conditions to be  
reported; and

a controll[ing]er [means] coupled to said microprocessor for altering a mode of  
operation for said system via commands from said host computer.

*Sub B* > 9. (Amended) The system according to Claim [6] 8 further comprising means  
adapted to preestablish limits associated with at least one individual user to control access to said  
at least one photocopy machine when said limits are reached.

10. (Amended) The system according to Claim [6] 8 further comprising means  
adapted to preestablish limits associated with at least one group of individuals to control access to  
said at least one photocopy machine when said limits are reached.

*Sub B* > 22. (Amended) The system according to Claim 1 wherein said means for receiving  
signals comprises a plurality of optically isolated signal input devices [means, wherein said  
plurality of input means includes means adapted for receiving electrical signals representative of  
contact closure, pulse counts, and combinations of contact closure and pulse count signals  
thereof]

*a4 Sub B* > 34. (Amended) A system for monitoring and controlling a plurality of office  
machines via a communication network, comprising:  
a plurality of office machine control and monitoring devices of the type having at least one  
microprocessor including memory operatively associated therewith;  
means coupled to said at least one microprocessor for receiving signals indicative of [a] at  
least one usage condition to be reported, wherein said receiving means is adapted to solely receive